



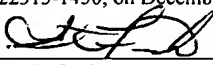
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: THORSBAKKEN et al. Examiner: Cleary, T.
Serial No.: 10/028,161 Group Art Unit: 2111
Filing Date: 12/21/2001 Docket No.: RA 5369
(USYS.088PA)
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INPUT/OUTPUT
REQUESTS USING A FAIRNESS THROTTLE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 17, 2004.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE.

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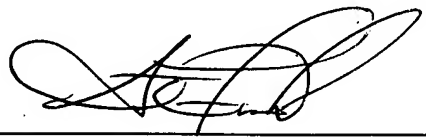
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